Interim relief to employees

†197. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have advised the Sixth Pay Commission to provide interim relief to the Central Government employees/pensioners for providing them relief from inflation; and

(b) if so, by when the Sixth Pay Commission will submit the proposal with regard to interm relief to Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) The terms of Reference of the Sixth Pay Commission, which was constituted by the Government of India through Resolution No. 5/2/2006.E.III (A) dated 5.10.2006 include the following:—

> *"to examine desirability and the need to sanction and interim relief till the time the recommendations of the Commission are made and accepted by the Government."*

The Commission will give its recommendations on the terms of reference within 18 months of the date of its constitution.

Discontinuance of central schemes

†198. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has taken a decision to wind-up Government schemes in the next Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the total number of such schemes along with their names and the reasons for their discontinuance; and

(c) what will be the effect of winding-up of current schemes by his Ministry on the employees working therein, and how the pending work of schemes will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (c) No decision has been

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